

REFUSED TO SERVE PRINCE

Waiter in London Club Allowed Distinguished Guest to Remain Thirsty.

A story is told of an experience the late King Edward VII had at the Savage club in London, of which he was a member.

One evening the then prince of Wales took the Grand Duke Alexis to the club, after the theater. Shortly before this there had been some trouble between the Savage club and the licensing authorities. It seems that a representative of the latter called at the Savage club one evening and, in the rush of business, was served with a drink after hours, although he was not a member.

A summons was issued, and there appears to have been a good deal of trouble in the matter, and the waiters were warned to be very careful whom they served.

The prince of Wales and the Grand Duke Alexis went into the smoking room, which was empty, and the prince, after consultation with the grand duke, ordered two whiskies and sodas.

"I have to ask your name, sir," said the waiter in attendance. "I do not think I have seen you before."

"My name is Albert Edward," said the prince.

The waiter immediately referred to the list of members.

"I see an Edwards here," he said, "but the name is George, and not Albert. I do not see your name here, sir."

So the prince was refused the drinks and went thirsty—until a fellow member entered and all was set right.

STRONG POINT WITH JURY

Evidence Cleverly Brought Out by Lawyer Convicted Man on Trial for Murder.

The chief clue that hanged Williams, the hooded murderer, was a hat of the unusual size of 7 1/4. When the murderer of Inspector Wells was in the witness box giving evidence on his own behalf, Sir F. Low, K. C., who was prosecuting, suddenly said:

"What size hat do you take?"

"Seven and a quarter," replied Williams.

"And this hat is seven and a quarter," said the counsel, holding up the hat found near the scene of the crime.

"So I believe."

"And it is stated to have come from a shop in Bournemouth."

"Yes."

"Were you in Bournemouth at the time?"

"Yes."

"It would be a remarkable coincidence," finally said Sir F. Low, "that you should have been at Bournemouth at the time the hat was bought, that the hat should turn up in Southcliffe avenue, Eastbourne, and that you, hatless, should not be far from the spot of the murder."

The coincidence was too strong for the jury, who had breathlessly followed this dramatic piece of evidence, and they brought in a verdict of guilty.—London Mail.

Grief of a Rhinoceros.

A rhinoceros is capable of grief, according to a Paris writer who wrote this anecdote years ago: "The animal had been in the collection at the Jardin des Plantes for twenty-two years. But was of an unsociable and irascible temper, and not even his keepers ventured to take any liberties with him. One day, however, the little lap dog of the wife of the director got into his house by squeezing in between the bars. Instead of killing the intruder, as expected, the rhinoceros allowed the little creature to play with him, scampering over his back, biting his neck, and playing off all manner of sportive tricks. The two became great friends; the 'wee doggie' passing several hours each day with his undemonstrative acquaintance, who put up patiently with all its teasings. One day the rhinoceros inadvertently set his foot on his little pet, killing it instantly. The poor brute's grief at the catastrophe was pitiable; for two days he did not eat a particle of food."

Malta's "Hood of Shame."

A peculiar headdress is worn by the women folk of Malta and is known as the "faldetta." It is said to have originated under the following curious conditions, says the Wide World: During the French occupation of Malta, over a century ago, the natives were subjected to much persecution. Their religion was attacked, churches were rifled and the women and children molested. This state of affairs so grieved those deeply religious people that they made a solemn vow to wear a "hood of shame" for a hundred years. This period has now elapsed, which perhaps accounts for the gradual disappearance of the "faldetta" and the increasing numbers of women who wear the "latest from Paris," and generally follow European fashions.

A Spendthrift.

A man and his best girl walked into a North Illinois street drug store. The man bought a one-cent picture postcard and a one-cent postage stamp. As he started to place the stamp on the postcard the woman walked toward the front door.

"Wait a minute, Susie," said the man. "I'm not near through." The man turned to the clerk and bought a package of chewing gum. As the couple walked out of the drug store the man was heard to remark: "There's no limit to me, Susie, when I'm out with you."—Indianapolis News.

MARRIAGES OF THE CHINESE

Are No Longer a Dreaded Ordeal Since Western Methods Have Been Adopted.

No longer need the poor little Chinese girl look forward with dread to her wedding day, says a writer in the Strand. Today she can marry the man she loves and not walk blindfolded into matrimony with the man who has been chosen as her husband from earliest childhood. Until the revolution in China in 1911 it was the general custom in the East for the parents to allot their daughters husbands from babyhood, and with the consent of both families a huge party would be given and the children be considered engaged. But it was not permissible for either the future bride or groom to know of the arrangements made on their behalf. The families might even drift apart, leaving the young ones in total ignorance of the existence of each other. Between the ages of fifteen and eighteen the Chinese girl was told that she was to be married soon, and arrangements would be made for the wedding, but the young bride never became acquainted with her future husband till after the ceremony, when her thick, beautifully embroidered, but impenetrable veil was removed. Then would she behold for the first time the husband to whom she was tied "for better or for worse," knowing that she must resign herself to her lot and endeavor to live her life through with a man whom perhaps she could never like. Many a young Chinese bride has been known to attempt suicide, often attaining her freedom through that one open gate—death. But such a thing has not been heard of since China adopted the forms of modern civilization. The Chinese gentleman has learned the art of courting and winning his bride, and the happy couple enter into their matrimonial compact with open eyes. The Chinese are gradually adopting our methods, and the marriage service is no longer a dreary and almost weird ordeal. In fact, in the matter of dress, as well as in customs, the Chinese are becoming very Europeanized.

HOW MALTESE DERBY IS RUN

"Go-as-You-Please" Rules Govern a Yearly Sporting Event in That Island.

Horse racing is a favorite sport the world over, but it is doubtful whether any nation can boast of a more unique race course or claim more remarkable ideas of the sport than the Maltese. Once a year, says a writer in the Wide World, the road skirting Sliema harbor is reserved as a race course and the people turn out in thousands to back their favorites. There is no regulation of the course; the crowd simply clears out of the way as the horses come along. The jockeys ride without bridles or saddles and each carries a whip in either hand—one for his own mount, the other to keep back any horse which may try to overtake him. We saw one of the spectators deliberately trip a horse by putting his leg out, at grave risk to himself. These things, however, incredible as they may seem to sportsmen in this country, are taken as quite a matter of course, and consequently hardly a year goes by without a fatality of some kind. All things considered, it is not likely that the "go-as-you-please" rules of this Maltese derby are likely to commend themselves to our turf authorities.

History of Westminster Hall.

Westminster hall is used as a vestibule to the houses of parliament, but in it were held some of the earliest English parliaments. Edward II and Richard II were deposed in this historic hall. Here English monarchs gave their coronation festivals. Here Edward II entertained the captive kings, John of France and David of Scotland.

In this hall Charles I was condemned to death. Here also Cromwell in 1653 was saluted with wonderful enthusiasm lord protector of England. He wore no king's crown, but he held a Bible in one hand and a golden scepter in the other, and he was clad in royal purple lined with ermine. But only eight years after this great honor the protector's body was dragged from his grave in Westminster abbey and thrown into a pit at Tyburn, while his head was exposed on one of the pinnacles of this Westminster hall, where it remained for over twenty-five years.

Pleasure in One's Work.

Pleasure in work produces a sympathetic, teachable mental attitude toward the task. It makes the attention involuntary, and eases the strain of attending. It stops the nervous leaks of worry. One of the secrets of lasting well is to avoid getting stale and tired and in a mental rut. Pleasure gives a sense of freedom that is a rest, as a wide road rests the driver. To know a thing thoroughly and attain mastery in it, one must be drawn back to it repeatedly by its attractions, and must find one's powers evoked and trained by its inspiration. —Prof. Edward D. Jones, in Engineering Magazine.

Different Now.

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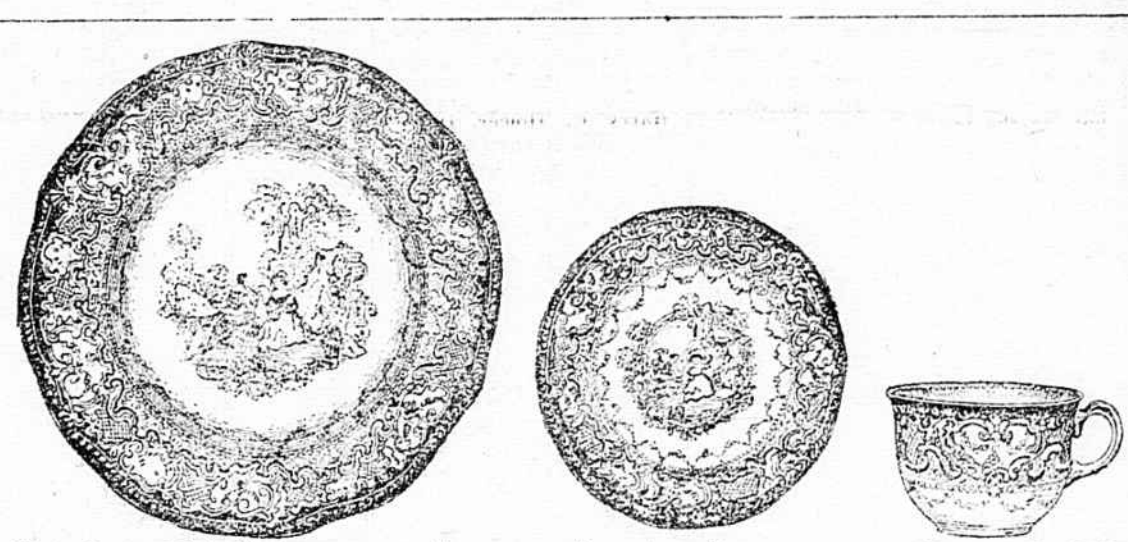
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